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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO USC, MALTBY NETTIE LOUIS

REF: SEOUL 0835 AND PREVIOUS

1. NETTIE L. MALTBY WAS SENTENCED 24 MARCH 78 TO FOUR YEARS IN PYISON FOR CONVICTION OF ATTEMPTED SMUGGLING OF HIRROPON. THE 80 DAYS SHE HAS ALREADY SERVED IN DETENTION WHILE AWAITING TRIAL WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM HER SENTENCE. SHE DID NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE A FINE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED UNUSUAL.

2. A CONOFF AND KOREAN FSL ATTENDED THE COURT PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE CHIEF JUSTICE, IN HANDLING DOWN THE SENTENCE, STATED THAT HE HAD REDUCED THE TIME TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT SHE IS A FIRST OFFENDER, A WOMAN AND A FOREIGNER. THE SENTENCE COULD HAVE BEEN UP TO TEN(10) YEARS AND EDUCATED ESTIMATES GUESSED AT FROM 3 TO 7.

3. THE COURT DID NOT INDICATE AT WHAT PENAL INSTITUTION MISS MALTBY WILL SERVE HER TIME, BUT THE EMBASSY WILL REQUEST THAT SHE BE ASSIGNED TO SUWON, WHICH IS KOREA'S BEST JAIL. EMBASSY WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO GET HER INCLUDED WITH OTHER AMERICAN PRISONERS UNDER SOFA SO THAT SHE CAN RECEIVE AMERICAN MILITARY PROVIDED FOOD. THIS IS DOUBTFUL BUT POST WILL TRY.

4. MISS MALTBY WAS GIVEN SEVEN(7) DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL
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HER SENTENCING. CONOFF WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TALK WITH PRISONER THIS MORNING WHILE AT COURT, WHICH IS STANDARD PRACTICE, EMBASSY WILL ADVISE AS INFORMATION DEVELOPS.
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